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Old Farmer Al. Falfa motors about in his new Maud car---propelled by his faithful and playful mule. Maud is a resourceful beast and when they come to a gorge she swings her traces over and then brings the car over after her in a leapfrog fashion. The barking of some pesky pups excites Maud and accelerates her speed. In a mad drive she propels Al. and the car head on into a dynamite store-house. The explosion which follows blows the farmer and his mule skyward. Then the two take an earthward plunge. Maud lands near the farm house and Al. falls upon the roof and falling through, finds himself in his room. Mrs. Al. rushes in and finds her hubby quite unconscious. Wife tries to revive him, but without success. The doctor arrives a few minutes later and succeeds in reviving poor Al. The medico escorts the agrarian outside and tells him to shout, "Hoo! Ray!" every time anything goes wrong. He props up the weakened man and goes his way. A few minutes later, Gertie the Goose and Henry the Cat run around the house and knock away Al's prop, sending him sprawling. He arises and says, "Hoo! Ray!" Mrs. Al, who is repairing the hole in the roof, suddenly loses her footing and falls to earth. Seeing her predicament and remembering the doctor's orders, Al. yells, "Hoo! Ray!" when the pot of tar comes down on Mrs. Al's head. This infuriates her and she kicks Al. out of sight. He falls near a large roller to which one of the hands has hitched Maud. Al. jumps into the seat and drives along at high speed. In a lively dash down the road, they flatten traffic cops and everything else that comes into sight. Maud jumps back and forth in her traces, now pushing the roller, then pulling it. The pair crash through the fence at the race track and arrive just as the Brown Derby starts. Maud jumps ahead of the roller and starts after the thoroughbreds. Al. urges her on and soon they pass all others in the race. Near the finish line, the roller breaks away and Al. rides across the line on the traces. He falls off and before he arises, the surprised farmer is handed the prize money. All enthused over the unusual run of luck, he fails to notice that the runaway roller is coming his way. The heavy-weight rolls over Al. and flattens him like a pan-cake. But the old optimist just smiles, and shouts "Hoo! Ray!"

Moral: The Man Worth While Is The Man Who Can Smile When Everything Goes Dead Wrong.

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